

1 If petitioner determines that an amended petition need not be filed, then, when the amended petition
2 is due, counsel for petitioner shall file and serve a statement to that effect.

3 2. Response to Petition. Respondents shall have 60 days following service of the
4 amended petition to file and serve an answer or other response to the amended petition. If petitioner
5 does not file an amended petition, respondents shall have 60 days following the due-date for the
6 amended petition to file and serve an answer or other response to the original petition.

7 3. Reply and Response to Reply. Petitioner shall have 45 days following service of an
8 answer to file and serve a reply. Respondents shall thereafter have 30 days following service of a
9 reply to file and serve a response to the reply.

10 4. Briefing of Motion to Dismiss. If respondents file a motion to dismiss, petitioner
11 shall have 30 days following service of the motion to file and serve an opposition to the motion.
12 Respondents shall thereafter have 30 days following service of the opposition to file and serve a
13 reply.

14 5. Discovery. If petitioner wishes to move for leave to conduct discovery, petitioner
15 shall file and serve such motion concurrently with, but separate from, the response to respondents'
16 motion to dismiss or the reply to respondents' answer. Any motion for leave to conduct discovery
17 filed by petitioner before that time may be considered premature, and may be denied, without
18 prejudice, on that basis. Respondents shall file and serve a response to any such motion concurrently
19 with, but separate from, their reply in support of their motion to dismiss or their response to
20 petitioner's reply. Thereafter, petitioner shall have 20 days to file and serve a reply in support of the
21 motion for leave to conduct discovery. If the court grants petitioner leave to conduct discovery, the
22 court will then establish time limits for the completion of the authorized discovery.

23 6. Evidentiary Hearing. If petitioner wishes to request an evidentiary hearing, petitioner
24 shall file and serve a motion for an evidentiary hearing concurrently with, but separate from, the
25 response to respondents' motion to dismiss or the reply to respondents' answer. Any motion for an
26 evidentiary hearing filed by petitioner before that time may be considered premature, and may be

1 denied, without prejudice, on that basis. The motion for an evidentiary hearing must specifically
2 address why an evidentiary hearing is required, and must meet the requirements of
3 28 U.S.C. § 2254(e). The motion must state whether an evidentiary hearing was held in state court,
4 and, if so, state where the transcript is located in the record. If petitioner files a motion for an
5 evidentiary hearing, respondents shall file and serve a response to that motion concurrently with, but
6 separate from, their reply in support of their motion to dismiss or their response to petitioner's reply.
7 Thereafter, petitioner shall have 20 days to file and serve a reply in support of the motion for an
8 evidentiary hearing.

9 7. Status Reports and Status Conferences. The court may from time to time, as the need
10 arises, schedule status conferences, and/or require the filing and service of status reports, in order to
11 manage the progress of this action.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE